

Customer No.: 31561  
Application No.: 10/604,324  
Docket No.: 9245-US-PA

### REMARKS

#### Present Status of Application

The Office Action dated August 11, 2004, has allowed claims 1-21. Claim 28 is rejected under 35 USC§ 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 22 and 29-30 were rejected under 35 USC§102(e) as being anticipated by Eichelberger et al. (US Patent No. 6,426,545). Claims 22 and 30 were rejected under 35 USC§102(e) as being anticipated by Grigg et al. (US Patent Publication 2002/0068453). Claims 23-28 were rejected under 35 USC§103(a) as being unpatentable over Eichelberger et al. or Grigg et al. in view of Tago et al. (US Patent Publication 2002/0093096).

Claims 22-30 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added to the application by the amendments made to the specification, claims and drawings. This Amendment is promptly filed to place the above-captioned case in condition for allowance. After entering the amendments, a notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

#### Allowable subject matter

The Office Action mailed August 11, 2004, has indicated that claims 1-21 are allowed.

Applicant appreciates this indication of allowable subject matter.

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Discussion for the 112 rejections

Claim 28 is rejected under 35 USC§ 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Claim 28 has been cancelled. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Discussion for 35 USC§102 and 103 rejections

Claims 22 and 29-30 were rejected under 35 USC§102(e) as being anticipated by Eichelberger et al. (US Patent No. 6,426,545). Claims 22 and 30 were rejected under 35 USC§102(e) as being anticipated by Grigg et al. (US Patent Publication 2002/0068453). Claims 23-28 were rejected under 35 USC§103(a) as being unpatentable over Eichelberger et al. or Grigg et al. in view of Tago et al. (US Patent Publication 2002/0093096).

The Applicant has carefully considered the remarks set forth in the Office Action.

Claims 22-30 have been cancelled.

Withdrawal of these rejections under 35 USC 102(e) and 103(a) is respectfully requested.

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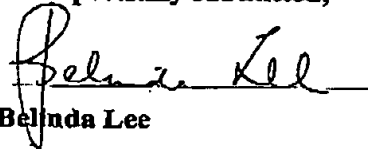
### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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